Mass Estimation of Merging Clusters of Galaxies

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Introduction(1)

- Mass is one of the most important parameters to characterize astrophysical objects. This is especially true in many kinds of self-gravitating objects.
- Mass distribution in large scales such as clusters of galaxies
 - Dark matter property (self-interaction, MOND, etc)
 - Probes of structure formation
- However, It is not so easy to determine mass in an observational way.

Cross-checks among different methods are important.

- line-of-sight velocity distribution of member galaxies + Virial theorem or Jeans equation
- X-ray observations (n_e, kT) + hydrostatic equilibrium
- (strong and weak) gravitational lensing

Introduction(2)



However, inconsistent results are sometimes obtained from different methods for a single object.

CL 0024+17 (Ota et al. 2004) Inconsistent results for mass within 200 kpc • $M_x=0.84^{+0.20}_{-0.13} \times 10^{14} h_{50}^{-1}$ solar mass (Ota et al. 2004) • $M_{lens}=3.117^{+0.004}_{-0.004} \times 10^{14} h_{50}^{-1}$ solar mass (Tyson et al. 1997) • $M_{lens}=2.22^{+0.06}_{-0.06} \times 10^{14} h_{50}^{-1}$ solar mass (Broadhurst et al.2000)

Some assumptions are necessary in mass estimation. M_X (hydrostatic equilibrium, spherical symmetry,etc), M_{lens}(axial symmetry, etc), M_{virial}(dynamical equilibrium, isotropic velocity distribution,etc)

•These assumptions are not very good in clusters during or a few Gyr after mergers.

•It is not trivial how these systems will be overestimated or underestimated.

•Using N-body + hydrodynamical simulation data, "simulations of mass estimation" are performed, and the results are compared with "actual mass distribution" in the data.

Simulation Data (N-body+hydrodynamics) N-body: Particle Mesh (PM) method self-gravity: FFT with isolated boundary conditions hydrodynamics: Roe TVD method number of grid points 256 × 128 × 128 Number of particles 256 × 128 × 128 $(=4.2 \times 10^{6})$ VPP5000@NAOJ

Movies (mass ratio1:4, $\lambda = 0.05$)

Mass distribution

Gas density

Gas temperature



Mass estimation with Virial theorem

- Clusters in the simulations are "observed" from certain directions.
- N_{samp} particles are randomly selected, and recognized as "galaxies whose line-of-sight velocity are observed".
- Virial mass is calculated as follows.

$$M_{\rm VT} = \frac{3\pi}{G} \sigma_{\rm los}^2 \left\langle \frac{1}{r} \right\rangle^{-1}$$
$$\left\langle \frac{1}{r} \right\rangle^{-1} = N_p \left(\sum_{i>j}^{N_p} \frac{1}{r_{ij}} \right)$$

 r_{ij} : distance projected on the sky plain for particle pairs σ_{los} :dispersion of line-of-sight velocity

We estimate virial mass for different 100 sets of "member galaxies", and calculate mean and variance of the virial mass.



Virial mass: results

Head on merger with mass ratio 1:4Comparison between M_{vir} and M_{true}

circles+real lines:

from the direction along the collision axis

 \rightarrow overestimate

Mass Estimation with X-ray Data

- Assuming that clusters in simulations are "observed", X-ray surface brightness maps and emission-weighted temperature maps are made.
- Radial profiles of X-ray surface brightness I_x(R), and temperature T(R) are made.
- Both ρ (r) and T(r) are fitted with β -model.
- Assuming hydrostatic equilibrium, the mass profiles are calculated as follows,

$$M_r = -\frac{k_{\rm B}T_{\rm g}r}{G\mu m_{\rm p}} \left(\frac{d\ln\rho_{\rm g}}{d\ln r} + \frac{d\ln T_{\rm g}}{d\ln r}\right)$$

Mass Estimation with X-ray Data: Results



Surface mass density (comparison with "lensing results") Lensing potential depend on the surface mass density. [M_{prj}(R) mass within a cylinder] is more important than [M(r) mass within a sphere]

M(r) derived from X-ray data are converted into $M_{prj}(R)$, which are compared with "projected real mass".

Fake of comparison with gravitational lensing data

$$M_{\rm prj}(R) = \int_0^R 2\pi R' \Sigma(R') dR',$$

$$\Sigma(R) = 2 \int_0^{b_{\rm out}} \rho(\sqrt{R^2 + b^2}) db,$$

$$\rho(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi r^2} \frac{dM}{dr}.$$





0

Seen from the direction

along the collision axis

0.5

Seen from the direction perpendicular to the axis









Seen from the direction perpendicular to the axis

Summary

- We have different methods to estimate mass of galaxy clusters. However, these methods sometimes give us inconsitent results.
- We investigate the impact of mergers on the mass estimation of galaxy clusters using simulation data.

Mass estimation with Virial theorem

- In case of 4:1 head-on merger, the mass is overestimated by nearly factor of two at maximum.
- The results strongly depend on the observational directions, because of unisotropic velocity distribution of the member galaxies.

Mass estimation with X-ray data

- In general, errors are less than in case of virial theorem.
- The results less depend on the observational directions, because gas pressure is isotropic, and because temperature fluctuations are smoothed out in azimuthal direction.
- When the systems are observed in the directions along the collision axis, the projected mass tends to be underestimated. (cf. gravitational lensing)